

Applicants: Mark Ledeboer et al.
Application No.: 10/700,333

REMARKS

The Claim Amendments

Applicants have amended claims 1, 28, 29, 31, 34, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40-45 and 54, and canceled claims 2-3, 30, 33, 36 and 39 to correspond the claims to elected Group II. Applicants have amended claims 46-53 to improve their form. Support for these amendments may be found in the originally filed claims and throughout the specification. None of the amendments contain new matter. Their entry is requested.

The Restriction

The Examiner has required a restriction in the above-identified application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following four groups:

- I. Claims 1, 4-9, 13-27 and 55-59, drawn to compounds of formula I wherein Z^1 and Z^7 are nitrogen, corresponding compositions and methods of use;
- II. Claims 1, 2, 4-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38 and 40-59, drawn to compounds of formula I wherein Z^1 is nitrogen and Z^7 is $C(U)_nR^y$, corresponding compositions and methods of use;
- III. Claims 1, 4-9, 13-27 and 55-59, drawn to compounds of formula I wherein Z^1 is CH and Z^7 is nitrogen, corresponding compositions and methods of use; and
- IV. Claims 1, 3-28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39 and 40-59, drawn to compounds of formula I wherein Z^1 is CH and Z^7 is $C(U)_nR^y$, corresponding compositions and methods of use.

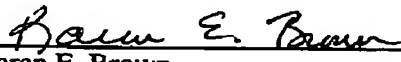
Applicants elect Group II without traverse.

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Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments, consider the accompanying arguments, and allow the claims to pass to issue. Should the Examiner deem expedient a telephone discussion to further the prosecution of the above application, applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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